



General Assembly

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**AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM CHARGING
UNIVERSAL, NONREFUNDABLE STUDENT FEES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-221 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) [Boards] Local and regional boards of education shall prescribe
4 rules for the management, studies, classification and discipline of the
5 public schools and, subject to the control of the State Board of
6 Education, the textbooks to be used; shall make rules for the control,
7 within their respective jurisdictions, of school library media centers
8 and approve the selection of books and other educational media
9 therefor, and shall approve plans for public school buildings and
10 superintend any high or graded school in the manner specified in this
11 title.

12 (b) Not later than July 1, 1985, each local and regional board of
13 education shall develop, adopt and implement written policies
14 concerning homework, attendance, promotion and retention. The
15 Department of Education shall make available model policies and
16 guidelines to assist local and regional boards of education in meeting
17 the responsibilities enumerated in this subsection.

18 (c) [Boards] Local and regional boards of education may prescribe

19 rules to impose sanctions against [pupils] students who damage or fail
20 to return textbooks, library materials or other educational materials.
21 [Said] Such local or regional boards of education may charge [pupils]
22 students for such damaged or lost textbooks, library materials or other
23 educational materials and may withhold grades, transcripts or report
24 cards until the [pupil] student pays for or returns the textbook, library
25 book or other educational material.

26 (d) Not later than July 1, 1991, each local and regional board of
27 education shall develop, adopt and implement policies and procedures
28 in conformity with section 10-154a for (1) dealing with the use, sale or
29 possession of alcohol or controlled drugs, as defined in subdivision (8)
30 of section 21a-240, by public school students on school property,
31 including a process for coordination with, and referral of such students
32 to, appropriate agencies, and (2) cooperating with law enforcement
33 officials.

34 (e) Not later than July 1, 1990, each local and regional board of
35 education shall adopt a written policy and procedures for dealing with
36 youth suicide prevention and youth suicide attempts. Each such local
37 and regional board of education may establish a student assistance
38 program to identify risk factors for youth suicide, procedures to
39 intervene with such youths, referral services and training for teachers
40 and other school professionals and students who provide assistance in
41 the program.

42 (f) Not later than September 1, 1998, each local and regional board of
43 education shall develop, adopt and implement written policies and
44 procedures to encourage parent-teacher communication. These policies
45 and procedures may include monthly newsletters, required regular
46 contact with all parents, flexible parent-teacher conferences, drop-in
47 hours for parents, home visits and the use of technology such as
48 homework hot lines to allow parents to check on their children's
49 assignments and students to get assistance if needed. For the school
50 year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school year thereafter, such
51 policies and procedures shall require the district to conduct two

52 flexible parent-teacher conferences for each school year.

53 (g) (1) No local or regional board of education shall charge a student
54 activity fee to any student who does not participate in any athletic
55 activity not required by the school or any other extracurricular activity,
56 if the proceeds of such student activity fee are used to fund any such
57 athletic or extracurricular activity.

58 (2) No local or regional board of education shall charge any fee,
59 including, but not limited to, the fee described in subdivision (1) of this
60 subdivision, to a student who demonstrates an inability to pay such
61 fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	10-221

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Clarified the language in section 1(g)(1) and (2).

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*